

Troy Township Trustee Meeting
March 11, 2026

SIGN-IN – Robert Neitz, Mark Wasylyshyn, Joel Kuhlman, Richard Haas

Trustee Chairperson Brinker called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL with the following Trustees present: Trustee Recker, Trustee Knitz, Trustee Chairperson Brinker

Trustee Chairperson Brinker asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES – Trustee Chairperson Brinker made a motion to suspend the reading of the minutes of the February 25, 2026 Troy Township Trustee Meeting and approve the minutes of the February 25, 2026 Troy Township Trustee Meeting with a second motion by Trustee Knitz. Vote 3-Yes 0-No. Motion carries.

GUESTS – Sheriff Mark Wasylyshyn was present to discuss the Contract between Troy Township and the Wood County Sheriff. Sheriff Wasylyshyn thanked the Township for the partnership with the Sheriff's Office.

Sheriff Wasylyshyn discussed services in Troy Township that is not part of contract. They are: Eastwood School Resource Officer; Eastwood Schools pays for a Sheriff two (2) hours before school and two (2) hours after school to monitor traffic; the Weight Enforcement Deputy; Funeral escorts (over 200 in the County last year); Sheriff Auxiliary for fairs and festivals; and detective time.

Sheriff Wasylyshyn stated according to the 2020 Census, Troy Township's population is 2778. Sheriff Wasylyshyn also stated there are many employees that work in the Township including employees at the Home Depot Distribution Center, NSG, First Solar, Amplex and Troy Energy.

Sheriff Wasylyshyn stated there were 2836 events in Troy Township in 2025. This includes unlocking of vehicles, domestic, auto accidents and any other event a deputy was involved in. There were 523 traffic stops in Troy Township in 2025.

Troy Township pays the Wood County Sheriff \$208,000.00 a year for two deputies, their benefits and the vehicle expenses. Troy Township pays for the complete salary of two deputies and their benefits a year.

Sheriff Wasylyshyn thinks Troy Township is getting a good deal for the number of hours the Sheriff spends in Troy Township and for the number of calls that are in the Troy Township.

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Sheriff Wasylyshyn stated he understands the concern with property taxes possibly being eliminated in the County and Townships. Sheriff Wasylyshyn and the Wood County Auditor have had conversations regarding what taxes and bonds can still be collected if eliminating property taxes is passed.

Trustee Knitz asked what the Wood County Commissioners are saying about possibility of property taxes being eliminated. Sheriff Wasylyshyn stated many meetings are being had with lots of discussion. Wood County does not have a levy for operations expenses. Sales tax will increase for Wood County if property taxes are eliminated.

Sheriff Wasylyshyn stated if property taxes are eliminated, this could affect emergency services. With less emergency services, this may affect resident's homeowner's insurance costs.

Sheriff Wasylyshyn stated each time Troy Township has the Police Levy on the ballot, it has passed by 80%.

Sheriff Wasylyshyn stated if a Village within a Township disbands, the debt of that Village is passed onto the Township.

Trustee Brinker stated the monthly Sheriff report shows fall with injuries, lift assists and seizures as being counted towards the Township's events. Sheriff Wasylyshyn stated a Deputy may not be responding to the scene but Wood County Sheriff's Office is dispatching the call. If the EMS or Fire Department calls for a Deputy for assistance, they will respond. The average response time for the Sheriff's Department is eight (8) minutes.

Sheriff Wasylyshyn stated the largest tax payers in Wood County are Nexus, CSX railroad, Rover Pipeline and Toledo Edison. These Companies are putting money into funds to eliminate property taxes so they do not have to pay property taxes.

Trustee Brinker stated the Sheriff sitting at the Northwestern Water Tower on 582 has been addressed with the Trustees. Trustee Brinker stated this may not be the best location for traffic control in the Township. Sheriff Wasylyshyn stated a Deputy may be completing paperwork for a report or doing training on their computer while at this location.

Judge Joel Kuhlman, Judge of Common Pleas Court, Wood County, was present. Judge Kuhlman was also elected Administrative Judge by his colleagues. The Judges are sharing with the community the programs that the Judges have implemented.

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Judge Kuhlman, stated the Administrative Judge is responsible for H.R., the budget and management of all the shared court offices. The budget is \$5 million a year. Over the last three years the Judges have increased services and return \$1.3 million back to the general fund (less taxpayer money is going to support the courts).

Judge Kuhlman stated the programs they have implemented are a Law Clerk and BGSU student internship program for the Fall and Spring Semester. These students collect data for the Judges to use to make the court process more efficient. In the summer, they have Law Student Interns. The goal is to bring and encourage new Lawyers to practice in Wood County.

Judge Kuhlman stated for defendants, the Judges are encouraging rehabilitation and training. The Judges have implemented a transportation program for criminal offenders. There is a partnership with BGSU, Owens and Penta for defendants to obtain education and/or skilled training for employment.

Bob Neitz would like to add comments regarding the Comprehensive Plan for zoning. Mr. Neitz is requesting a hard copy of the Comprehensive Plan for the Zoning Commission. Trustee Knitz stated she will make sure the Zoning Commission receives hard copies of the Comprehensive Plan. Trustee Knitz stated there is a link on the Township website to read the Comprehensive Plan.

REPORTS

Sheriff – The February Sheriff's Report was given to the Trustees by Sheriff Mark Wasylshn.

Zoning – Zoning Inspector Hahn discussed the Zoning Fee Schedule that was previously given to the Trustees to review. Zoning Inspector Hahn stated residential solar and residential wind turbine has been added to the new fee schedule. Trustee Brinker made a motion to approve the updated zoning fees for 2026 with a second motion by Trustee Recker.

Roll Call: Trustee Recker – Yes Trustee Knitz – Yes Trustee Brinker – Yes
3-Yes 0-No. Motion carries.

Fire – Chief Randy Woodruff stated 145 runs to date.

Trustee Knitz asked if the total runs reported could be separated into Fire runs and EMS runs in the future. Deputy Chief Appelkans stated they are working on this. Trustee Knitz stated this will help with effective planning.

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Chief Woodruff reported that Paul Perry and Logan Perry have registered for FDIC and lodging has been obtained.

EMS – Deputy Chief Appelhans stated Fiscal Officer Abke needed upcoming expenses for 2026 appropriations and he provided those expenses.

Deputy Chief Appelhans presented quotes and information for the Worker's Compensation Grant. This includes two (2) Stryker Power Stair Chairs in the amount of \$36,176.34 and one (1) Lucas 3 Chest Compression System in the amount of \$22,709.30 for a total of \$58,885.64. The Worker's Compensation Grant is a 75% 25% matching grant with a \$40K max. The grant would cover \$40,000.00 of this and the Township would be responsible for \$18,885.64.

Deputy Chief Appelhans stated replacement of cots for the ambulances will need to be addressed in the future and obtaining a replacement of a Lifepack.

Deputy Chief Appelhans presented a one (1) year preventative maintenance agreement with Stryker for 2-Powerload-Procure and 2-Powerpro-Procure for the cots and load system in the amount of \$1,690.00. The cot in 716 needs serviced and the load system in 715 needs looked at. Trustee Recker made a motion to approve the one (1) year preventative maintenance agreement with Styker for the Powerload-Procure and Powerpro-Procure in the amount of \$1,690.00 with a second motion by Trustee Brinker.

Vote 3-Yes 0-No. Motion carries. Fiscal Officer Abke will provide a purchase order.

Deputy Chief Appelhans requested an executive session with the Trustees regarding personnel.

Deputy Chief Appelhans is continuing to work on the stats for the year-end report.

Deputy Chief Appelhans is working on a monthly report to present to the Trustees at each meeting. This report will include what was done in the month and year-to-date. Trustee Knitz thanked Deputy Chief Appelhans for all of the work he is doing.

Fiscal Officer Abke asked if Deputy Chief Appelhans and Chief Randy Woodruff if they have worked on the ESO employee count. Troy's ESO employee count is showing 40 but on the ESO side it's still showing 51 employees. Deputy Chief Appelhans will continue to work on this.

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Roads/Cemetery – John Blecke presented the Estimate of Construction Cost for the 2026 Troy Township Resurfacing Project from Wood County in the amount of \$468,500.00. This project is for the remaining portion of Lemoyne Road and the two (2) access roads (Main & Dennis). This includes mill and fill on all roads except the NE access road and this road is filled only. John suggested Brett from the Wood County Engineer's Office attend the next meeting to address any questions or concerns. Trustee Brinker asked why the NE access road is not being milled (Luckey Farmer fuel and Post Office). John Blecke stated Wood County suggested only to overlay this area. John Blecke stated this area needs milled. Trustee Recker requested a quote for mill & fill of all the roads. John Blecke will contact Brett to attend the March 25, 2026 meeting.

John Blecke presented three quotes for the grading and seeding on Devils Hole Road where the tile repair was done: 1) B. Hill'Z Excavating, Inc. for \$2,640.00; 2) McBride Enterprise, LLC for \$1,314.00 and 3) Sarver & Sons Construction, LLC for \$2,555.00. B. Hill'Z Excavating, Inc. will hydroseed and McBride Enterprise, LLC and Sarver & Sons Construction, LLC will seed and straw. Trustee Brinker stated the square footage is different on all three. Trustee Recker stated the Trustees will review the estimates and discuss at the next meeting. John Blecke will contact each Company regarding the different measurements on the estimates.

John Bleck presented three quotes for the sidewalk in front of the cemetery; 1) B. Hill'Z Excavating, Inc. for 14,454.00; 2) McBride Enterprise, LLC for \$3,600.00; 3) Sarver & Sons Construction, LLC for \$4,000.00. John Blecke stated the estimate from B. Hill'Z Excavating, Inc. included all costs for the project and B. Hill'Z will subtract the any cost if the Township completes the work. McBride Enterprise, LLC and Sarver & Sons Construction, LLC estimates state the Township to remove old concrete walks, provide all base stone and order concrete on Township account. The sidewalk project will start after Memorial Day. The sidewalk will be five (5) feet wide. Morelock Asphalt's estimate was in the amount of \$12,580.00 but would have to be eight (8) feet wide (the width of the paver). Trustee Recker stated the Trustees will review the estimates and discuss at the next meeting. John Blecke will contact McBride Enterprise, LLC and Sarver & Sons Construction, LLC to submit an estimate for all costs for the project.

John Blecke attended the Ohio Township Association Conference trade show. John Blecke obtained information on a berm reclaimer. The Company will contact Mr. Blecke to set a date for demonstration. The price is \$45,000 to \$50,000.

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John Blecke contacted Kalida Truck regarding the Township's new truck. It will be completed in a few weeks. Mr. Blecke asked the Trustees about selling the current truck and the Dakota at an auction. Discussion regarding selling the trucks on Gov Deals or Don Rose Auction was had. Don Rose Auction has done the past few auctions and has done a good job.

Mr. Blecke stated Residential Trash Clean Up Days are approaching. Mr. Blecke asked if the Trustees wanted to continue to offer a Spring and Fall clean up this year or just one clean up. Clean up days are usually in May and October. Trustee Recker stated the Township will do the Residential Clean Up in May and reevaluate the fall cleanup at a later date. John Blecke will contact NAT and the Village of Luckey to see what date works for them, May 2 or May 9, 2026.

Trustee Recker stated an estimate from Smith Paving & Excavating, Inc. was received in the amount of \$26,375.00 for curb & gutter removal to replace and repair concrete joint on Eastwood Drive. Trustee Recker presented this estimate to the JEDD Board at the meeting on March 10, 2026. The JEDD Board has agreed to pay Smith Paving & Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$26,375.00.

Smith Paving & Excavating requested a purchase order. A purchase order in the amount of \$26,375.00 was provided by Fiscal Officer Abke from Troy Township. Troy Township will bill the JEDD Board for reimbursement of these funds. Trustee Recker approved to transfer \$26,375.00 to 1000-330-360-0336 Contracted Roads from 1000-330-750-0000 Motor Vehicles with a second motion by Trustee Knitz.

Roll Call: Trustee Recker – Yes Trustee Knitz – Yes Trustee Brinker – Yes
Vote 3-Yes 0-No. Motion carries.

The approve purchase order was signed by the Trustees and a copy was given to Todd Gottschalk to send to Smith Paving & Excavating.

FISCAL OFFICER – Fiscal Officer Abke gave the Trustees the January State Bank Reconciliation to review and sign at the next meeting.

Fiscal Officer Abke gave the January credit card reports to the Trustees to approve and sign.

On March 3, 2026, Fiscal Officer Abke, John Blecke and Zoning Inspector Hahn meet with Isaac Bailey and Josh Belknap from the Wood County Engineer's Office regarding the MS4 Stormwater program. Troy Township's cost will increase from \$79.00 per year to \$2,500.00 per year. This MS4 Stormwater area consists of 52 acres and has two outlets that need to be checked. Isaac Bailey stated he will continue to monitor and check the two outlets in Troy Township.

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A Resolution for this agreement between the Township and County will be forthcoming from Isaac Bailey. Trustee Recker made a motion to approve the MS4 Stormwater Program with Wood County not to exceed \$2,500.00 for the annual MS4 permit with a second motion by Trustee Knitz.

Vote 3-Yes 0-No. Motion carries.

Fiscal Officer Abke presented information from Wood County Economic Development Commission's Annual Dinner on Thursday, April 16, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. Dinner and program are \$50.00 per person or \$400.00 for a table of 8. Reservations need to be in by April 6, 2026. Trustees will discuss further at the next meeting on March 25, 2026.

APPROVE & SIGN CHECKS

Trustee Chairperson Brinker made a motion to transfer \$426.61 to General Zoning Duties 1000-130-150-1005 from Zoning Accounting Legal Fees 1000-130-311-0121 \$426.61 with a second motion by Trustee Knitz. Vote 3-Yes 0-No. Motion carries.

Trustee Knitz made a motion to approve and sign checks for March 6, 2026 in the amount of \$23,136.84 ACH 136-2026 to ACH 165-2026, Check #63307 to and including check #63312 with a second motion by Trustee Recker.

Vote 3-Yes 0-No. Motion carries.

Trustee Recker made a motion to approve and sign checks for March 11, 2026 in the amount of \$62,099.33, check #63313 to and including check #63342 with a second motion by Trustee Knitz. Vote 3-Yes 0-No. Motion carries.

Trustees were given Fund Status Reports as of January 31, 2026, Positive Pay Reports and Wages and Overtime Detail reports.

OLD BUSINESS – Trustee Knitz presented an update on the new Township website. The current cost will be \$1,295.00 plus monthly fees. The new website will meet the new ADA requirements. The new website company is also able to set up .gov emails for Township employees.

Fiscal Officer Abke stated the new cyber security protocol suggests Township employees have a .gov or .org emails for security purposes. These emails would be for Trustees, Fiscal Officer, Chief's and Department Heads. The Fire/EMS personnel would continue to use the amplex email addresses.

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NEW BUSINESS – Trustee Recker stated at the JEDD Board meeting on March 10, 2026, Wade Gottschalk provided information on the number of jobs for each Business in the JEDD; NSG has 155 jobs, Home Depot has 850 jobs and First Solar has 80 jobs.

Trustee Recker stated Troy Township appoints a representative to the JEDD Board. The current representative was Brent Welker and his term is expiring. Trustee Recker asked for suggestions of names to appoint to replace Mr. Welker for the next Trustee meeting. The next JEDD Board will be in May. There is no pay for this position and it is a four (4) year term. The JEDD Board meets quarterly.

John Nissen asked about the JEDD Board fixing Pemberville Road. Trustee Recker stated the JEDD Board is composing a Resolution to present to the County and State asking for them to repair Pemberville Road and the overpass.

Trustee Recker stated the JEDD Board will fill in the ditch on Pemberville Road by Joseph Road (on the West side of Pemberville Road).

Trustee Brinker stated they received the Discrimination, Harassment, Workplace Bullying Policy back from Legal. The Trustees will review and discuss in the future.

MEETINGS/EVENTS – Wood County District Advisory Council will meet on Thursday, March 19, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. in the conference room at the Wood County Job and Family Services Building at 1928 E. Gypsy Lane Road, Bowling Green to elect the DAC Chair and Secretary; make necessary appointments to the Board of Health

Annual Meeting – Wood County Tax Incentive Review Council, March 25, 2026 2:00 p.m. in the Wood County Commissioner's Hearing Room on the fifth floor of the County Office Building

Land Use Survey – Wood County is updating its Comprehensive Land Use Plan. A QR Code has been provided to fill out a survey.

The next Troy Township Trustee Meeting will be March 25, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

ITEMS ON HOLD – nothing at this time

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Recker made a motion to enter into executive session for personnel with a second motion by Trustee Chairperson Brinker.

Roll Call: Trustee Recker – Yes Trustee Knitz – Yes Trustee Brinker -Yes
Vote 3-Yes 0-No. Motion carries.

Trustees entered into executive session at 8:27 p.m.

Deputy Chief Appelhans and Chief Randy Woodruff entered into executive session at 8:27 p.m.

Deputy Chief Appelhans and Chief Randy Woodruff exited executive session at 8:38 p.m.

Trustee Recker asked Fiscal Officer Abke to enter into executive session at 8:45 p.m.

Fiscal Officer Abke exited executive session at 8:58 p.m.

Trustee Recker made a motion to come out of executive session with a second motion by Trustee Knitz.

Roll Call: Trustee Recker – Yes Trustee Knitz – Yes Trustee Brinker -Yes
Vote 3-Yes 0-No. Motion carries.

The Trustees exited executive session at 8:58 p.m.

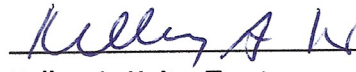
Trustee Chairperson Brinker stated no action taken at this time

Trustee Chairperson Brinker made a motion to adjourn the March 11, 2026 meeting with a second motion by Trustee Knitz.

Vote 3-Yes 0-No. Motion carries.

Meeting ended at 9:00 p.m.


Matthew L. Brinker, Chairperson


Kelley A. Knitz, Trustee


Kenneth J. Brinker, Trustee


Laura L. Abke, Fiscal Officer